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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

REF: A) GENEVA 0398, B) GENEVA 0377, C) GENEVA 0289

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE REFTELS REPORTING ECDC PREPARATIONS
AND MISSION VIEWS WHICH HAVE BEEN HIGHLY USEFUL TO DEPARTMENT
IN PREPARING FOR SCHEDULED MEETING. WISH TO NOTE
HOWEVER THAT REF. A DID NOT REACH ACTION DESKS UNTIL
OPENING OF BUSINESS JANUARY 24 -- TOO LATE TO COMMENT IN
TIME FOR GROUP B CAUCUS.

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2. DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS FULLY PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION,
PARA 1, REF A, AND AGREES THAT AT THIS STAGE A POSTPONEMENT
IS PREFERRED. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER SECRETARIAT'S
TARDINESS IN PRESENTING ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION IN ADVANCE
OF MEETING AND FAILURE TO CONSULT GOVERNMENTS ON AMBITIOUS
WORK PROGRAM ON GLOBAL TRADE PREFERENCES OUTLINED IN REF B.
YOU SHOULD THEREFORE PRESS FOR A GROUP B CONSENSUS ON A

SUITABLE POSTPONEMENT AND FOR A STRONG DEMARCHE TO THIS EFFECT, STRESSING THE PRINCIPLE OF ADEQUATE ADVANCE DOCUMENTATION AND CONSULTATION BY SECRETARIAT FOR ALL UNCTAD MEETINGS.

3. IN EVENT POSTPONEMENT IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE BELIEVE THAT A BOYCOTT WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING AND HENCE WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MORE LIMITED MEETING PROVIDED THIS IS CONSENSUS OF GROUP B. WE FEEL HOWEVER THAT A SESSION DEVOTED ONLY TO TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROCEDURES LIKELY WOULD BE A STERILE AND ACRIMONIOUS EXERCISE AND THAT IN ANY EVENT G-77 WOULD SUCCEED IN BRINGING SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS INTO DISCUSSION. IN THIS EVENT, WE WOULD WANT SECRETARIAT CLEARLY TO UNDERSTAND THAT CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE COMMITMENTS ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS BUT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS, STATING FOR THE RECORD OUR VIEWS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE MEXICO CITY PROGRAM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NAIROBI RESOLUTION. (FYI--SHOULD MEETING BE POSTPONED, WE WOULD PLAN FOR YOU TO MAKE SOME POINTS TO THE SECRETARIAT ANYWAY, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING ITS FAILURE TO CONSULT IN ADVANCE ON PROPOSED TRADE WORK PROGRAM. END FYI).

4. ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 1 REFTEL C CONCERNING OUR OWN PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING. DEPARTMENT NOW EXAMINING EXISTING ECDC-LIKE ACTIVITES, AS WELL AS PREPARING SUBSTANTIVE POSITION PAPERS ON LIKELY ISSUES ARISING FROM MEXICO CITY, INCLUDING TRADE AND INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS YOUR CABLES HAVE EMPHASIZED.

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